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## CANADIANS IN ALASKA.

Their Very Presence an Offence to Americans Clamoring for Rights in Atlin.

Formal Complaint to Washington That They Are Opprating in Porcupine District.

Foolish Suggestion That Imperial Government should Call Home British Subjects.

By Associated Press.

Buffalo, March 10.—An evening paper publishes the following despatch from Washington to-day:

"There is great danger of an armed collision between the American and Canadian miners in the Porcupine river region, on the boundary between Alaska and British territory. This is a part of the Alaskan boundary that is not in any diplomatic dispute. It is defined clearly by the treaty, and follows the 141st meridian of west longitude. The location of the meridian and of the boundary is merely a matter of surveying.

"The situation is so serious that upon information contained in a letter from Governor Brady of Alaska to the secretary of the interior, the secretary of state has called the attention of the British government to the action of the Canadians, and has asked to have them recalled to their own territory.

"It is not believed that the British government in any way supported the trespassers, but it has been suggested that the Canadian government, which has shown a disposition to disregard the rights of the United States, even to the extent of clashing with the home government in London, has probably connived at the action of the Dominion miners. Its officials perhaps secretly encouraged the Canadian miners, with the view of claiming rights in the Porcupine region, which would only be conceded for a part in the cession of territory in the southern part of Alaska, so as to give an entrance to the Klondike from the Pacific through British territory.

"It is believed here that Great Britain will recall the Canadians, and it is hoped that this will be done before any trouble occurs."

## THE DOUBLE EXECUTION.

Spectators Rush for the Gallows and Tear Away Black Cloth to Witness Death Agonies.

Montreal, March 10.—(Special)—The double execution of Mrs. Vian and Sam Purlow at Ste. Scholastique to-day was the scene of a deplorable incident. At 8:04 the drop fell, and the necks of both were broken. Purlow's pulse stopped in twelve minutes; Mrs. Vian's stopped in six and a half. The bodies were cut down by Radcliffe at 8:30.

Immediately the drop fell a disgraceful rush was made by the spectators for the gallows and they tore away the black cloth in their efforts to view the bodies. Father Moloch upbraided them from the scaffold but to little effect.

An inquest was held and the usual verdict returned. Purlow's body was taken to St. Canaan for interment; and the government also granted permission for the body of Mrs. Vian to be given to her friends. The people outside the gallows remained till the afternoon, and several fights took place.

The doctors agree that death in both cases was instantaneous. There was no motion of either body after the trap fell. The conduct of the prisoners on the scaffold excited general admiration. It was thought that owing to the long confinement they would not exhibit such nerve. A screen separated the two.

One of the strangest requests made so far by Cordelia Vian was that her organ might be brought into the gallows so she might play during mass for the last time. This was refused.

## A WITNESS REMOVED.

Port Worth, Tex., March 9.—The dead body of Mrs. M. Davids was found last night on the roadside near Azle, this county, stabbed in a horrible manner. The woman was a leading witness in a sensational murder case to be tried at the present term of court.

## MINING SHARES

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## SALMON RESTRICTION FOLLIES.

Minister at Last Convinced of His Error and Radical Changes Promised.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 10.—During their stay in the city Ald. McQueen and J. C. McLagan of the Vancouver delegates called upon several ministers regarding British Columbia affairs and were cordially received.

The salmon fishery regulations were discussed with Sir Louis Davies, and Professor Prince, and as a result the existing regulations will be greatly modified forthwith to bring them into harmony with public sentiment in British Columbia.

It is believed that the regulations requiring a fisherman before receiving a license to produce a receipt for taxes for the previous two years will be rescinded. In view of the emigration from Eastern provinces to the Coast of many young men it was felt it would be a hardship to deprive them of the means of obtaining work. Each boat, however, will be required to have one licensed boat puller or net man.

"The co-federation clause in the event of non-production of license will be abolished. The period for registration has been extended to June 30. British subjects only will receive licenses but Indians will be permitted to fish without a license as heretofore.

## SOLDIERS' SENTIMENTS

Must Not Be Collectively Expressed With Regard to Their Officers or Others.

General Hutton Reminds the Militia of This Part of the Queen's Regulations.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 10.—The Major General Commanding desires that the following paragraph from the Queen's Regulations, 1898, which is binding on troops of the Dominion, shall be published for general information, as the Queen's Regulations may not be accessible to all concerned.

"15. Deliberations or discussions by officers or soldiers with the object of conveying praise, censure, or any mark of approbation towards their superiors or any others in Her Majesty's service are prohibited. The publication of laudatory orders on officers quitting stations or relinquishing an appointment is forbidden. Commanding officers are to refuse to allow subscriptions for testimonials in any shape to superiors on quitting service or on being removed from their corps. Every officer will be held responsible should he allow himself to be complimented by officers or soldiers, who are serving, or who have served, under his command, by means of presents of plate, swordy etc., or by collective expressions of their opinion."

## NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Mr. Tarte's Friend to Administrator Telegraph Construction Patronage—Business of Coming Session.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 10.—The coming session promises to be a busy one, so far as private legislation is concerned. The parliamentary notices number 101; of these, 40 are for acts of incorporation, 52 for amendments to acts of incorporation, 6 for divorce, 1 for a winding up act, and 2 for extension of letters patent. The total number of railway bills to date is 56, of which 12 relate to the Yukon district.

Enquiry to-day elicited an official statement that the order-in-council providing for the purchase of the Canada Eastern railway has not yet been passed.

The Paris exhibition commissioners met here to-day. Reports show that demands for space are coming in fast. June 1 is the last day for making application. It has been decided not to pay the return freight on exhibits except in very special cases, the understanding being that exhibitors will make every effort to dispose of their goods in Europe.

J. B. Charleson, Mr. Tarte's bosom friend, goes to the Coast with the telegraph construction staff, to see that the patronage is properly distributed among the faithful.

New evidence has been added to establish the insanity of Prevost, the Port Arthur murderer, under sentence of execution next week, and in order that the fullest inquiry may be made, Dr. Burgess, of Montreal, and Dr. Phelan, of Kingston, are going west to make an examination.

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## PROHIBITION REFUSED

Sir Wilfrid Says That Its Advocates Were Bowled Out by the Plebiscite.

Votes in Its Favor Represented Too Small a Proportion of the Electorate.

Secretary of Dominion Alliance Declares the Government's Course Unfair.

Special To The Colonist.

Toronto, March 10.—Ald. Spence, secretary of the Dominion Alliance, has received from Sir Wilfrid Laurier the answer of the government to the request of the Alliance that a prohibition measure be introduced into parliament upon the plebiscite of last fall. In the course of his reply the Premier says:

"If we remember that the object of the plebiscite was to give the opportunity to those who have at heart the cause of prohibition, who believed the people were with them and if the question was voted upon by itself, without any other issue which might detract from its consideration, a majority of the electorate would respond and thus show that the Canadian people were prepared and ready for its adoption, it must be admitted that the expectation was not justified by the event.

"My object is simply to convey to you the conclusion that in our judgment the expression of public opinion recorded at the polls in favor of prohibition did not represent such a proportion of the electorate as would justify the introduction by the government of a prohibitory measure."

Ald. Spence in an interview discussing Sir Wilfrid's communication said it was unfair to count the stay-at-home vote as unfavorable to prohibition. "We have as good a right to count it unfavorable to the liquor traffic," he said. "Take the English speaking provinces of the Dominion; they voted for prohibition by a majority of 107,948. Out of 148 constituencies prohibition carried 120, and the average majority was 1,042. The prohibitionists polled nearly 23 per cent of the voters' list, while the opponents of prohibition polled less than 16 per cent. What absurdity it is to say that 23 per cent of the voters is not sufficient to warrant the enactment of prohibition, but that it is right to withhold prohibition because 15 per cent of the voters opposed it."

## SIX MINERS KILLED.

Explosion of Large Quantity of Powder in Colorado Mine.

Greene, Colo., March 10.—An explosion of several hundred pounds of powder occurred to-day in tunnel No. 3 of the Commodore mine, creating great havoc and killing at least four miners. The names of the dead so far found are: Scotty Watson, Frank Heas and John Sarnier. It is believed that the dead number six and that there are several seriously injured. A large force of men are digging away the debris in order to recover the bodies of the dead and rescue the injured.

## COLOMBO SETTLES.

Will Pay Million and a Half to Close the Cerutti Incident.

Colon, Colombo, March 10.—The Panama Star and Herald to-day publishes a despatch saying that news has been received to the effect that the report that a definite settlement has been arrived at between Colombo and the representatives of the Cerutti claim is confirmed.

The minister of foreign affairs, Senor Guerrero Marques, it is added, has arranged to pay \$1,500,000 in settlement of all claims arising out of the Cerutti incident.

## TURBULENT SOLDIERS.

Murder by Members of Kansas Colored Volunteers on the Homeward Journey.

Kansas City, March 10.—The Twenty-third Kansas volunteers, colored, en route to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, from San Diego passed through Kansas City to-day with one member of the regiment a prisoner.

When a short distance out from St. Louis a soldier named Williams, of Kansas City, was stabbed to death by a comrade named George Ray. Williams, who was known as the "bully of the regiment," had stirred up considerable trouble, finally assaulting Ray, who drew a knife and struck him in the breast, killing him instantly. Ray was placed under arrest.



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## VANCOUVER'S BUDGET

Coast Mines Reported to Command High Prices—Ship Afire With Dynamite Cargo.

Mr. Trotter's New Plan for Baptist Advancement—Drowned Boys' Effects Found.

## FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

Vancouver, March 10.—The steamer Coquitlam arrived from northern points to-day. Two rich gold strikes are reported. The first was made by A. Chapman at Moon Bay, a splendid vein of copper being opened up. The other strike is on the Alexander group, a very fine vein of gold being encountered in a cross-cut.

Four hundred thousand dollars has been offered for the Van Anda group of claims, and \$210,000 for the Cornell group. A local paper says the Blewett is out of the Van Anda altogether, but this is denied to a Colonist correspondent. W. H. Treat has purchased 100,000 shares at 9 cents.

There was considerable excitement on the water front to-day shortly after the steamer Selkirk arrived. The news spread that the steamer had caught fire in the Gulf, or rather that the flames had not been properly extinguished on Wednesday night, and broke out this morning. There was a consignment of dynamite on board. The crew fought the fire bravely and it was soon checked. The steamer unloaded her explosives safely in Vancouver.

The searchers have found an overcoat and guns belonging to the missing lads Fisher and Howison by dragging Burnaby lake. It is expected that the bodies may be found at any time.

Rev. Ralph Trotter is said to have devised a novel plan to raise money for the advancement of the interests of the Baptist church in the mining country. The plan is that Mr. Trotter shall visit certain mines and satisfy himself in every way that the representations as to them are correct, and then travel through Eastern Canada and to England selling the stock of the companies interested. Every dollar of the commission on the sale of such stock outside of actual living expenses would go to the establishment of Baptist churches in the province. This information was given yesterday by a prominent mining man in Vancouver, who vouches for its truth.

The funeral of the late Robert Stevenson, father-in-law of J. A. McFarlane, took place yesterday and was attended by a large number of friends.

A very large house greeted the performance of "Faust" last night, and Mr. Morrison's company received unstinted applause. Mr. Morrison was so pleased with his reception that he gave a ten minutes' talk to the audience between the second and third acts.

For the last six months C. P. R. has been selling with marvelous rapidity in the West End and Fairview—more in Fairview even than in subdivision 185. Owing to the C. P. R. changing their prices but once a year, and the recent advance in real estate, the railway lots are the cheapest in the market, but the best are being rapidly transferred.

## MR. DEANE TURNED DOWN.

Kamloops Board of Trade Decline to Make Use of His Special.

Kamloops, March 9.—(Special)—At a meeting of the board of trade last night, Mr. F. J. Deane again tried to get himself elected on the council. This gentleman has been trying for some time past to get every institution in the town into his power and in several instances has succeeded, as was the case at the last meeting of the hospital. The people are beginning to get tired of this, however, and now Mr. Deane has been turned down. Out of 10 candidates voted upon by the board, he was last but three in the ballot, getting only 12 out of 30.

## ENTOMBED IN A MINE.

Two Men Caught Four Hundred Feet Below Surface, but Hope of Rescue.

Leadville, Col., March 9.—A cave-in in the shaft of the Bonair mine, of the Leadville group, entombed Charles Bruss and Burt Frye, miners, in a drift 400 feet below the surface. The entombed men have signalled that they are alive by rapping on the steam pipe, and it is thought they will be rescued.

## ROCK FALLS ON VILLAGE.

Madrid, March 9.—A vast quantity of rock overhanging the village of Rucueria, near Albarracín, in the province of that name, fell to-day, destroying many houses and killing 11 people.

## A BAD FAILURE.

Toronto, March 9.—It is given out semi-officially that the Toronto Financial Corporation, which is in liquidation, will pay only about 15 cents on the dollar. J. K. Kerr is the principal shareholder. The liabilities are about \$80,000, due principally to depositors and debenture holders.

## HOPE FOR GASPESIA.

Leak Stopped and Steamer May Yet Be Saved From the Ice.

Halifax, March 9.—(Special)—A relief party reached the Gaspeia to-day. The steamer is jammed in the ice, but the leak has been stopped, and it is hoped she will be saved.

## CONVICTS MUTINY.

Madrid, March 9.—In a conflict to-day between the Spanish soldiers and a number of mutinous convicts at Santanera, 16 miles east of Santander, the site of an important arsenal and several military magazines, one convict was killed and several wounded.

## A STATESMAN ABROAD.

Stratford, March 10.—Hon. Mr. Sifton addressed a large Liberal meeting here to-night.

## ARGUMENT FOR CANAL.

American Troops Crawling Round the World When They Should Have Direct Passage.

London, March 10.—The Daily News, commenting upon the landing of the American troops at La Valetta yesterday, says that apart from the sight-seeing and the fraternization with the British troops, the moral for the United States is that they had better see about the Nicaraguan canal immediately. These men, it adds, are simply crawling round the world to reach a place they ought to be able to get to by a straight run across the Pacific. It is a good way to learn geography, but it is not exactly the way to reinforce garrisons in a crisis in their struggle with a determined enemy.

## AGONCILLO ON OTIS.

Says American General Has Suppressed Only Facts and That Filipinos Triumph in Tactics.

London, March 10.—Agoncillo, the agent of Aguinaldo, who has just recovered from the effects of his experiences after the wreck of the Dominion line steamer Labrador on March 1st off the northeast coast of Scotland while on her way from St. John, N.B., for Liverpool, gave out an interview to-day. He reiterated that he left Washington so that he might be free to communicate with his own people; that Gen. Otis was suppressing the facts and conjuring up stories of American victories, and that the real state of affairs was being told by the Hongkong Filipino junta.

## WORKING A GRAFT.

Correspondent Says That Newspaper Puffs Were to Pay for His Wife's Clothing.

London, March 10.—Some peculiar testimony was given in the Westminster county court to-day in the trial of an action against J. B. Lane to recover the amount of a dressmaker's bill. The defendant testified that his wife arranged for the payment of the bill by means of notices in American newspapers of which he and she were correspondents. In reply to a question by the judge, Lane said that advertisements in pursuance of this arrangement were published in the New York Mail and Express, Cleveland World and Chicago Times-Herald. He testified that he was correspondent of these papers and had told the editors that his wife got her clothes made by means of these advertisements. Judgment was given for the plaintiff.

## LAND GRAB BY RUSSIA

Territory in Pamirs About to Be Seized Though British Declined Obj. et.

Diplomacy Smooths Chinese Loan Dispute by Securing Russian Backdown.

## By Associated Press.

London, March 10.—A despatch from Allahabad, capital of the northwest provinces of India, says it is reported there from Yarkand, Chinese Turkistan, that a large force of Russian troops has arrived at the Russian post Fort Murgabi on the Murgabi river with the intention of seizing Sir-I-Kel, a hundred mile stretch of territory north of the Mustagh mountains, which was left undefended by the Pamir boundary commission in 1895. Its seizure by Russians would cause complications with Great Britain.

The Pamirs, great and little, are one extensive tableland of Central Asia called by the natives the "roof of the world". They are bounded on the south by the Hindoo Koosh mountains and the plateau forms the central node whence radiate the principal mountain ranges of Asia. The tract is mainly under Russian authority but Sir-I-Kel, in which is Lake Sir-I-Kel, the headwaters of the Oxus river, has remained disputed ground since 1895.

Pekin, March 10.—The Chinese foreign office has received a despatch from St. Petersburg saying that as a result of negotiations between Russia and Great Britain the Russian minister will withdraw his protest against the Hongkong contract. The Hongkong contract is identical with the Nin Chang contract.

## KIPLING STILL IMPROVES.

Repeated Demands for the Children Caused News of Daughter's Death to Be Told.

New York, March 10.—Mr. Kipling is still improving, said Dr. Doubleday to-night. Unable to keep him in ignorance of his daughter Josephine's death the news was broken to-night by Dr. Dunham. The blow was a heavy one, but the father bore up bravely.

"How long was she ill?" he said. He was then told that she had the attendant thought wise. The tears stood in the poet's eyes and he murmured half to himself, half aloud, "Poor little Joe." It was this he always called the little one.

The doctors thought it was best to break the news as the worry and distrust he seemed to have in all the replies given to his queries would have possibly been more harmful than to let him have the truth.

## THIS IS A BABY!

"Biggest Ever Born in Canada" the Claim Confidently Made.

Montreal, March 10.—(Special)—Yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock there came into the world at the women's hospital the biggest baby ever born in Canada. The new-born baby can find no record of any new-born baby weighing as much. The little one weighs exactly 18 pounds and 1 ounce avoirdupois. Mrs. Watt, the mother, is 36 years of age, and is very proud to be the mother of the champion heavyweight child, her eighth.

## QUEENSLAND HARD HIT.

Two Hundred Persons Perished in Hurricane on Northern Coast.

London, March 11.—According to a despatch to the Times from Sydney, N. S. W., no fewer than 200 persons perished in the hurricane that has just swept the northern coast of Queensland.

## TRADE OF THE WEEK

Canadian Cities Generally Report Unexpected Quiet But Victoria Has No Complaint.

Higher Pay for Workers in United States—Wheat and Foodstuffs Weaker.

## By Associated Press.

New York, March 10.—Dun's Review says: Returns from Canada are generally a shade worse for the week indicating a rather lower distribution of products. At St. John trade is fair in groceries, dry goods and shoes, and fishing supplies are in increased demand, but prospects for spring are only fairly sustained. Halifax reports spring trade not active as yet although a fair movement, and prices are not maintained in staple hardware and groceries; payments have been fairly well met. Quebec reports that milder weather has helped retail trade in most lines and shoe manufacturers are fairly busy. At Montreal a seasonable distribution of merchandise is reported with collections very good; money is rather firmer. Toronto reports trade good in hardware, metals and leather and fairly active in groceries and goods than in previous weeks. Payments at Winnipeg were met fairly; trade continues quiet in all lines.

Bankers report noticeable declines in trade and collections at Vancouver especially due to the alien law as to out-fitters. Building operations have been retarded by bad weather, causing complaint of retailers. At Victoria conditions continue fairly satisfactory and the volume of turnover compares favorably with former years.

New York, March 10.—The bank clearances for the Dominion of Canada Montreal, Inc. 18.2 per cent. \$17,375,511 Toronto, Inc. 15.7 per cent. 10,883,320 Winnipeg, Inc. 25.6 per cent. 8,045,737 Halifax, Inc. 20.6 per cent. 1,251,824 Hamilton, Inc. 3.8 per cent. 732,357 St. John, Inc. 8.3 per cent. 581,578 Victoria, Inc. 10.8 per cent. 544,773 Vancouver, Inc. 4.6 per cent. 496,327

New York, March 10.—Bradstreet's of to-morrow will say: Industrial and trade activity is still a pre-eminent feature of the general business situation. Price strength, too, is notable, especially in view of the rise of wheat, cereals and wool. In manufacturing lines the situation is one of great activity. Additional advances in wages announced this week are likely to swell the number of workers whose wages are reported advanced to close to 175,000. The iron and steel trade is still excited by reports of feverish demand, inadequate supplies and further advanced quotations. Iron ore in the advanced market has been taken by surprise this season and nearly all the available supplies have been disposed of at very low prices considering the heavier proportionate advances in pig iron and all classes of finished material. Shut downs for repairs and other reasons have reduced pig iron output quite materially and current production is said to be considerably below that of January.

The number of old furnaces being furnished and put in operation is steadily increasing but the effect as yet on production is not very marked. An easier tendency in wool is one of the disappointing features of the week. Cotton remains steady and the reduced movement at the South is making the minimum estimates more fashionable. Lumber is active at most markets and prices are being well cleaned up. Wheat is weaker notwithstanding crop damage reports, and other cereals in sympathy therewith, chiefly because of the growth of bearish views of supplies held by farmers and a tendency to discount the generally expected heavy government estimate of wheat in farmers' hands.

Manitoba and Northwest.

D. O. C. Killed by a Horse—Great Church Anniversary—Rapid City Fire.

Winnipeg, March 10.—(Special)—The premises of G. L. Stone, Rapid City, were destroyed by fire to-night. His furniture was insured for \$1,000 in the Hartford. The Dominion Bank is establishing a second office in Winnipeg, to be known as the North End branch. During the regular parade of the Dragons this morning, Capt. A. A. Williams, D. O. C., was kicked in the leg by one of the horses, and will be laid up for some days. An important Episcopal gathering will be held in Winnipeg during the week beginning April 9 and ending April 16. The occasion will be the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the formation of the Church Missionary Society. Special sermons will be preached on Sunday and meetings held in the Episcopal churches during the week. The chief speakers will be the Bishop of Huron, the Bishop of Caledonia, Archbishop Kirby and the Bishop of Qu'Appelle.

## INDIANS IN WANT.

Klondikers' Carelessness Causes Much Suffering in Peace River Country.

Winnipeg, March 10.—(Special)—A correspondent of the Free Press en route to Yukon via the Edmonton route writes from Peace River Mission that the suffering exists among the Indians about Lower Slave lake owing to the scarcity of food and fur, the latter caused by extensive forest fires carelessly started by Klondike parties, which have driven the wild animals into unknown parts. He urges that assistance be sent at once, but advises that steps be taken to ensure proper distribution to the afflicted, as experience of past years is that missionaries have not done fairly with the natives in such matters.

The Indians are inclined to be distrustful of the government treaty commission to visit them next summer, fearing interference with their hunting grounds.

Very cold weather during January is reported by the correspondent, 64 degrees below on New Year's day. A white man is reported as lost at Slave lake, and is supposed to have been frozen to death.

## MORE SMALLPOX.

Cornwall, March 10.—John Prunner, of Aultsville, Ont., is dead of smallpox. There are several cases at the Whiting house. All are improving rapidly.

POPE'S CONDITION CRITICAL.

London, March 10.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: "The Pope continues to improve but his physicians say he shows great weakness which is rather alarming to his entourage."

A child who was delighted with the gift of a candy said to her mother at the end of the hollies: "I saved it and saved it, till it got so dirty I had to eat it."—Life.

## STOCKS, METALS AND PRODUCE.

London Notes Better Tone on Russian Agreement—New York Traction Shares Booming.

New York, March 10.—The Commercial Advertiser's financial cable from London says: "The markets here were better in tone to-day on the Russian surrender, except in Americans, which opened dull, under par. St. Paul was flat. The dividend is regarded as disappointing. The market sagged till the afternoon session, when it hardened slightly on New York buying. The close was heavy at the bottom. Money was strong on the settlement demand. The bank lent a million."

New York, March 10.—The movements of stock exchange prices to-day were irregular, railways being generally fractionally off, while some notable advances were recorded among the specialties. Local traction stocks were buoyant on the idea that the action of the state senate yesterday diminished the chance of hostile legislation in restricting the use of Amsterdam avenue, which would particularly affect Third avenue, which rose an extreme of twelve points, while Metropolitan Street Railway rose nearly as much.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	March 9	March 10
Am. Tob.	104 1/4	107 3/4
Am. Sugar	14 1/2	14 1/2
Am. Sp. & W.	1 1/2	1 1/2
Atchafalpa	21 1/2	21 1/2
Bay State Gas	4 1/2	4 1/2
Cal. Pac. Elec.	27 1/2	27 1/2
C. & N. W.	13 1/2	13 1/2
Chic. Gas	11 1/2	11 1/2
C. R. I. & P.	12 1/2	12 1/2
Cons. Gas, N. Y.	21 1/2	22 1/2
C. C. & St. L.	11 1/2	11 1/2
Del. & Hudson	10 1/2	10 1/2
Del. L. & W.	10 1/2	10 1/2
Gen. Elec.	110 1/2	111 1/2
Jersey Central	113 1/2	112 1/2
Louisville & Nashville	113 1/2	113 1/2
N. E. L. & W.	10 1/2	10 1/2
Mo. Pac.	40 1/2	40 1/2
Nat. Lead	34	34
N. Y. C. & H.	135 1/2	135 1/2
N. Y. C. & H. W.	28	28
Northern Pac. com.	51 1/2	51 1/2
Northern Pac. pfd.	79	79
Omaha com.	48 1/2	48 1/2
Pac. M. & N.	24 1/2	24 1/2
P. & R. all paid.	24 1/2	24 1/2
Pullman	124 1/2	124 1/2
Southern Ry.	40 1/2	40 1/2
Tenn. C. & N.	11 1/2	11 1/2
Texas & Pacific	24	24
U. S. Leather	6 1/2	6 1/2
U. S. Rubber	40 1/2	40 1/2
Wabash	8 1/2	8 1/2
Western Union	94	93 1/2
W. & L. E.	11 1/2	11 1/2
W. & L. E. pfd.	24 1/2	24 1/2
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	96	95 1/2
C. P. R. in London	92 1/2	90 1/2
Com. Cable in Montreal	180 1/2	180

\*Ex-dividend.

Copper, quiet; brokers, 18c.; exchange, 17c. Lead, strong; brokers, \$4.27 1/2; exchange, \$4.10 to \$4.15. Tin, quiet and easier; plates, firm. Spelter, quiet and easier; plates, firm. Rosin, steady, strained common to good, \$1.32 1/2 to \$1.35. Turpentine, firm. Pig iron, firm; Southern, \$12.75 to \$14.25; Northern, \$12.75 to \$14.50.

New York, March 10.—Wheat closed weak, March, 81 1/2c.; April, 76c.; May, 70 1/2c.; July, 69c.; Corn, 35 1/2c.; May, 70 1/2c.; July, 69c.; Oats, May, 27 1/2c.; July, 26 1/2c.; Wheat, 27 1/2c.; July, 26 1/2c.

## PERSONAL.

Robert Cassidy was a passenger last evening from the Sound.

A. Magnuson and wife were passengers inward on the Kingston yesterday.

Mrs. Kurtz and Mrs. Hibben returned yesterday from a visit to the Sound.

C. S. Pickford, the Halifax ship-owner, is in town.

S. Oppenheimer and F. R. Stewart, Vancouver merchants, are in town.

R. Jamieson was a passenger last evening from Vancouver.

J. H. Rogers, local agent of the Great Northern, returned last evening from a visit to the Terminal City.

Major Dupont was among the inward bound passengers on yesterday's Charmer.

A. J. McLaughlin arrived last evening from Kootenay.

J. J. Shallock returned last evening from the Mainland.

G. M. Leishman, local representative of the Ogilvie Milling Co., left last evening for Kootenay.

James Smith, who has been visiting in Victoria for some time, returned last evening to Nelson.

Otto Weiler is visiting in Seattle.

Mrs. S. O'Brien left yesterday on a visit to the Sound.

Robert Kerr, general freight agent of the C. P. R. at Winnipeg, and Allan Cameron, district freight agent of the C. P. R. at Vancouver, arrived down on the Charmer last evening and are staying at the Grand.

Dr. G. Sanson and F. J. Derby of Clinton, are at the Victoria.

W. J. Smith, of the contracting firm of Elford & Smith, went over to the Mainland on business this morning.

F. S. Morley, barrister, who for several years made his home in this city, returned last evening from a short visit to England, and will be in Victoria for several days.

Mr. L. C. Barff will be glad to learn that that gentleman has been very fortunate in his business ventures in the Orient. He writes to a friend that he has now a little Klondike of his own.

Rev. Robert James Roberts of Kuper Island, one of the pioneer churches of England ministers in this province, is a guest at the New England. When Mr. Roberts first came West he took up his residence at Comox, and enjoys the honor of having built the first church there. It was one for his own family use, but was soon replaced by a larger building, as attendants' comment to come in from the surrounding country.

San Francisco, March 10.—"Mysterious Billy" Smith won from Kid Lavigne here to-night.

The well known English journalist, Tighe Hopkins, began his literary career as an all-around man on a local newspaper. One day an article on the agricultural outlook was required. Mr. Hopkins protested that he knew nothing of farming, and had no time to interview the farmers.

"What more do you want?" returned the chief copy. "Go on with the leader."

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## RECENT INVENTIONS.

An improved razor has a removable blade which can be taken out for sterilizing, the back having a grooved channel into which the blade slides, with a spring catch entering a depression in the shank to lock it in place.

For the protection of banks and other buildings from safe-breakers an electrical alarm having been patented, having hollow cells with two contact plates inside, which spring together when stepped on and give an alarm.

In an improved massage apparatus a small motor is used to revolve a flexible shaft, carrying a roller at the outer end, by which an electric current is applied to the body as the roller is rapidly turned and drawn over the flesh.

To assist in quickly determining the weight of a load on the scale the rod carrying the weights at the end of the scale beam is graduated on its face, to indicate the total value of the weights without the necessity of adding them.

A Canadian has patented a chimney which increases the amount of light diffused by a flame, a cross-section forming a tube to surround the flame, the inner surface being smooth and the outside corrugated.—Chicago News.

## THE PLATFORM WOMAN.

From the Ladies' Home Journal.

"The platform woman never has been a credit to, but ever a blot, on American womanhood. I make this emphatic statement from a personal knowledge of the homes which these women leave behind when they go to their meetings. I have seen the rooms of their homes left in wild disorder; I have seen their servants' stoves in flames; I have seen the children neglected and left to their own devices; I have heard husbands speak in derision of the motives of their wives."

"No woman in a happy American home can ever afford to listen to these parasites of her race. The platform woman, with her influence is steadily on the wane. She was never a power. She was never even picturesque. The worst injury was wrought upon certain weak women whom for the time she deluded. But even with them she was soon regarded with wonder rather than with confidence. Less and less has she been able to get listeners, and it is significant that in places where she has spoken during the present season she has not been seen again. The disappearance of the platform woman is a case of a blot being blotted out."

The Empress of Germany's private wedding present to her relations always consists of a very plain travelling clock, for she values among all other virtues that of punctuality.

Bismarck fought 28 duels, and in all these conflicts received but one wound, which was caused by the accidental breaking of his antagonist's sword.

DIED.

FULLER—Suddenly, at his residence, on Bay Alfred Drive, East of Addington, 1 Farm, Croydon, England, aged 75 years.

The funeral will take place from the family residence, Cadboro Bay road, on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

CLUNES—On the 8th inst., at the Royal Jubilee hospital, Glenroy Clunes, aged 84 years, a native of the State of Washington.

The funeral will take place to-day at 2:30 p.m. from the family residence, No. 117 View street, and later from the Presbyterian church. Friends will please accept this intimation.

HICK—At the family residence, Swan Lake, on the 8th inst., William Hick, a native of Cornwall, England, aged 74 years.

The funeral will take place on Sunday at 2 o'clock from the residence as above and at St. Luke's church, Cedar Hill, at 3 p.m. Friends will please accept this intimation.

PRIESTLY—At Clayton Heights, Bradford, Eng., on 21st February, Nellie Priestly, aged 13 years.

The Mollie Gibs on Mining Company, Ltd. (Non-Personal Liability.)

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a general meeting of the shareholders of the Mollie Gibs on Mining Company, Limited, Non-Personal Liability, will be held at the office of Messrs. Tupper, Peters & Potts, Board of Trade building, Bastion Square, Victoria, British Columbia, on Thursday, the 10th day of March, 1899, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., for the transaction of general business.

Dated Victoria, B. C., March 9th, 1899. GEORGE A. STEWART POTTS, Acting Secretary.

ASTHMA CURED

After Twelve Years' Suffering—Toronto Physicians Advised Leaving Her Home to go to Manitoba.—Clarke's Kola Compound Cured.

Mrs. McTaggart, 80 Vannanoy street, Toronto, writes: "I have been troubled with asthma and bronchitis for twelve years, which gradually grew worse each year in spite of the hundreds of doctors my husband has spent with several doctors and most every remedy we could procure, which only afforded temporary relief. For the past two years I could not lie on



## GOT DOWN TO BUSINESS

Members of the Committee of Fifty Turn Out for Last Evening's Meeting.

Consolidation of the Debt, Street Paying and Other Live Questions Discussed.

Interest has been revived in the Committee of Fifty, just half of the members being in attendance at the meeting at the City Hall last evening, when communications and reports were discussed and disposed of. Those present were: Mayor Redfern in the chair; Mr. G. H. Barnard, secretary; Messrs. W. H. Bone, H. D. Helmecken, M.P.P., Noah Shaskapere, H. M. Graham, A. J. Dallan, George Powell, Walter Morris, John Taylor, D. R. Ker, Ald. Stewart, Wm. Marchant, T. W. Paterson, El. A. Munn, R. L. Drury, Gordon Hunter, Wm. McKay, Ald. Brydon, E. Pearson, W. H. Langley, Simon Leiser, Charles Todd, W. J. Pendray, R. Seabrook, Ald. Humphrey, Ald. MacGregor, W. L. Chalmers, C. E. Renouf and E. Bragg.

Mr. Isaac C. Atkinson, of the Port Angeles & Eastern railway, wrote as follows, the letter being referred to the railway committee:

Port Angeles, Wash., Feb. 21, 1899.  
Hon. C. B. Redfern, Mayor of Victoria:

Dear Sir,—We understand that a proposition was made by Mr. Lehman, who is connected with the Port Angeles Eastern railway, for a Victoria connection with the road, for a Victoria connection with the road, which we very much regret. At the time, certainly, there was no data in this kind could be based, and at this writing we are ignorant of the wants or desires of your people in the matter. Therefore we would suggest that you call a meeting of your citizens or place the matter before your board of trade, inviting representatives of the road to be present, when the matter could be placed in a position to submit some plan for our mutual interests.

Yours truly,  
ISAAC C. ATKINSON.

Mr. C. C. Moody wrote asking that a public meeting be called to consider his private mail proposition, offering to place certain information he had before a committee.

The letter was received and filed. It was moved by Mr. G. H. Barnard, seconded by Mr. Renouf, and carried: That should a member of this committee absent himself from three consecutive meetings of the committee small ipso facto cease to be a member thereof, and the committee may proceed to choose by ballot a replacement of the city of Victoria to act on the committee in place of such member so absenting himself.

The report of the committee on the consolidation of the debt and the reduction of the city's area was taken up and discussed at length.

Mayor Redfern did not think that anything would be gained by the consolidation of the debt.

There was a long discussion on the advisability of investing the sinking funds in city debentures, some claiming that a saving could thus be effected and others that nothing would be gained. There is about \$200,000 to the credit of the sinking fund account in the Bank of British North America, drawing 4 per cent. It was proposed that this should be invested in the city's 5 per cent. debentures.

It was moved by Mr. Renouf, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried: That the question as to whether any advantage would result to the city by the purchase of the bonds and the redemption of the sinking fund account be referred back to the committee.

The reduction of the city limits was next taken up. Mr. Hunter asked if the committee had considered the question of the limit reserve in proposing the boundaries should be the western boundary of the city. He pointed out that when the reserve was settled part of the reserve might be secured for a park. There was also an objection to the reduction of the limits on political grounds, and the creditors of the city might object.

Mayor Redfern felt that the difficulties in the way of reducing the limits were insurmountable.

Mr. Munn said he did not think the committee wished to seriously suggest that the limits be reduced. He did not think the people of Victoria would care to give up the benefits they had derived by being taken into the city.

The clause suggesting that the boundaries be reduced was struck out.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the action of certain members of the committee in declaring fifteen to be a quorum be endorsed.

The report of the committee on streets and bridges was next taken up.

Mayor Redfern announced that owing to the failure to secure an amendment—through an oversight on the part of the Attorney-General—improvement clauses of the Municipal act, very little could be done this year in the way of street paving. The council would have to devote their attention to permanent sidewalks.

The committee decided that curbs should be of granite, and not of concrete. Mr. Seabrook suggested that the timber for street paving be secured this year and be piled to season. It would last very much longer if this was done.

Ald. Humphrey said it was hoped that the city would shortly have an engineer who had had experience in laying pavements. The question should be left to him.

The committee was treated to a long address by Mr. Marchant on bicycle taxes and bicycle paths, which led Mr. Hunter to remark that he believed the only wheel Mr. Marchant had was "a wheel in his head."

The discussion on the question of taxing bicycles and building paths with the proceeds ending in the proposition being laid over until the next meeting.

The committee adjourned, to meet again next Friday evening.

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## THE ALLANS' LATEST.

Floating Palaces Nearing Completion to Give Fast Atlantic Service That Government Has Bought.

From Syren and Shipping, Feb. 8, 1899.

Few vessels afloat have achieved such a world-wide popularity as the well-known Allan liner Parisian, which has temporarily been withdrawn from active service for the purpose of being fitted with new engines and boilers of considerably greater power than those with which she was equipped when built.

The last voyage she completed was her 147th, and made the 10th round voyage during 1898, the time occupied in their accomplishment being 9 months, 26 days.

During 1898 the Parisian carried 7,518 passengers, and did not have a single death on board. But the part which this famous ship has played in linking together England and Canada is still more apparent from the data of her total passenger work. In all she has carried 30,326 saloon, 22,189 second saloon, and 69,079 steerage voyagers, a grand total of 121,594 passengers.

The distance she has covered totals 832,621 miles, an average of 5,664 miles per voyage; the passenger average per voyage being no less than 827 souls.

As showing the high favor in which the ship and Messrs. Allan's methods are held by the nautical community, we may state that many of the sailors and officials still attached to the Parisian joined her on her first voyage. So much for the old, now for the new. We illustrate herewith one of the two new Allan boats, the Bavarian, which we recently had the pleasure of inspecting on the stocks at Messrs. Denny's famous yard at Dumbarton, under the guidance of Mr. Leslie Denny.

Our illustration shows the Bavarian as she will appear when finished. The ship, a sister ship, which will be similar in every respect, is in course of construction by Messrs. Stephen, at Lint-house. Both ships are 10,000 ton twin-screw steamers of high speed, and, like all the Allan fleet, are fitted with bilge keels.

As our illustration shows, the deck space is to be remarkably roomy, the boats being carried on a specially constructed boat-deck, so as to afford an entirely uninterrupted promenade deck. Superb accommodation will be provided for 200 first saloon, an equal number of second saloon, and 1,000 steerage passengers. Large refrigerating accommodation is to be provided, and, altogether, in these two magnificent vessels will, in a matter of speed, size and luxury of equipment, mark a new era in the history of steam communication with Canada.

The completion of the Bavarian and Tunisian is being pushed forward with all speed, so that they may be expected to make their entrance into the St. Lawrence trade during the approaching season.

Meanwhile the Castilian, the new \$800,000 Allan liner built by Messrs. Work-ton Allen Line, of Belfast, is scheduled to sail from Liverpool on her first voyage on February 23. In addition to a large passenger accommodation, she has a big carrying capacity, and will thus cater for the requirements of both passengers and shippers.

The practice of these vessels is Messrs. Allan's provision of the unforgotten delays which have marked the establishment of the long delayed fast mail service. Such boats as the Bavarian and Tunisian would have been provided years ago, but such a step, in view of the possible advent of a heavily subsidized 20-knot service, was hardly advisable.

Allan, however, grew tired of waiting, and wisely resolved to strengthen their fleet both passenger and cargo—without further delay. In fact, it is alone due to the shuffling policy of the Canadian government that the improved facilities which the new boats will afford were not placed at the disposal of English-Canadian passengers years ago.

For which they made themselves unenviably notorious a few months ago, the Laurier government had taken the advice of authorities in the shipping world, the means of communication between this country and the Dominion would sooner have possessed such vessels as these new ones. This is, however, less immediately connected with our subject than the desire that the progressive action of the famous Allan Line will meet its due reward.

Of this, however, there can be but little doubt. The public goes by past experience and established repute. As regards the trades which they have made their own, "Allans" are facile princes.

Don Carlos has taken a curious and striking advantage of the foreign "post-card craze" to further his cause, having had some printed with portraits of himself and his wife, with fac-simile signatures below, under which communications are written.

Mrs. Humphrey Ward, whose pen is a veritable mine of gold, is the wife of an Oxford fellow, who writes for the Times, and who is responsible for several bulky volumes on art, poetry and biography.

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## Advertisers,

In making contracts for space for the year 1899, should consider the question from a business standpoint entirely. The value of an advertising medium is generally based upon extent of circulation, but with this experts in the business always associate the character of the publication and the class of readers. So far as Victoria is concerned, the Colonist is possessed of all these requisites. Its circulation in Victoria and suburbs is double that of any other paper, while its merits as a high-class newspaper are attested to by the fact that it is daily read in almost every home in the city. The carriers of the Colonist place it every morning it is issued at the doors of more than double the number of citizens than is the case with any other paper circulated in Victoria. Besides this, it is circulated on the streets, on steamers and trains in Vancouver, and Nanaimo, and all other Coast points reached daily, the morning of issue. This is a value given by no other publication. The advantage to the advertiser of any class of goods, or engaged in any calling requiring the attention of the public is, therefore, plainly to be seen. It is almost unnecessary to add that in the Colonist the advertiser secures the very best value obtainable, and should arrange for his advertising in its columns.

### THE CABINET SHUFFLE.

There has been a shuffle across James Bay, which will be interesting news to certain gentlemen, who have been looking with anxious eyes in that direction in anticipation of changes, which would lead to their promotion. Mr. Semlin has given up his position as Commissioner of Public Works and taken that of Provincial Secretary, with which we understand the duties of Minister of Education are to be associated. Mr. Cotton takes the Public Works Department in addition to that of Finance, a combination of offices which we think will not be regarded as judicious. With every appreciation of Mr. Cotton's ability, we beg leave to doubt if he is competent to do justice to the task that he has assumed. Mr. Hume remains at the head of the Department of Mines, and is undoubtedly better fitted for that position than any other member of the government. He will find sufficient to keep him busy, if he does his duty, as he doubtless will. The Colonist has for some time been of the opinion that the Department of Mines should be given a separate status. Mr. Martin remains Attorney-General.

In its mention of these changes, the Times feels called upon to state that Mr. Semlin says they were made entirely upon his initiative. We suppose this is intended to forestall any suspicion that they were made by direction of Mr. Martin.

No very great interest attaches to the changes, except so far as they demonstrate to certain supporters of the government that they have been played with. Promises of political preferment, of course vaguely expressed, were as plenty as blackberries during the session. When our neighbor, Mr. Higgins, came to the rescue of the government on the Repudiation Bill, he undoubtedly was animated by the belief that his friendship would receive a reward in the shape of the Provincial Secretaryship, which he thought he would be safe in accepting after the disfranchising of a hundred or more of the electors of Esquimalt. One or more members from the Interior were quite hopeful that the official lightning would strike them, and they had their lightning rods conspicuously displayed. But this was not Mr. Martin's plan. He has a cabinet now which he can use as he likes. He has given Mr. Cotton sufficient prominence and patronage to gratify his ambitions. For himself he aims higher. He wants power, and he certainly has it. How long he will keep it is another story, and the new shuffle will have a tendency to loosen his hold.

### A NEW NATIONAL POLICY.

We find in the Toronto Globe an editorial under the above caption, and emphasis is given to it by "double-leading." The article, appearing as it does on the eve of a session of parliament and just after the interruption of negotiations with the United States, is so very significant that we quote some of its principal paragraphs. It opens as follows:

Canadians have at the present moment a rare opportunity of enforcing a new National Policy, a National Policy of protecting products which are more truly native products than even those of the farm or orchard. In these we have rivals everywhere, but in white pine, in pulpwood, in nickel, in lead, we have commodities in which we enjoy something of the nature of a complete or partial monopoly. We were quite willing to turn these into the continental volume of exchange, but as this has been vetoed through no fault of ours the next movement must be to make the very most possible out of the advantage.

Many persons will agree with us when we say that the Globe has been exceedingly tardy in recognizing this to be the correct policy for Canada, and the same observation applies to the political leaders, whose views, it is to be supposed, the Toronto organ now expresses. If the course now favored by the Globe had been taken a year ago, the Canadian commissioners would probably not have returned from Washington empty-handed. However, better late than never, and as the Liberal party is in the saddle, every one will be glad to see that it has

awakened to its duty in the premises. Perhaps the disappointment caused by the collapse of negotiations with the United States is not too dear a price to pay for this recognition of the cardinal principle of the Conservative party by the men now in power. Next to the carrying out of Conservative principles by Conservatives, the adoption of those principles by Liberals is most to be desired.

The first matter discussed by the Globe is the pulp industry, and it points out that the free access to the forests of Canada is all that enables the pulp makers of the United States to control foreign markets. The American manufacturer is handicapped by a short home supply, which is diminishing every year. The vice-president of the American Pulp and Paper Association is quoted as authority for the statement that Canada can become a powerful rival of the United States, even in the domestic market. The Globe thinks the Ontario legislature should promote pulp manufacture by prohibiting the exportation of logs from Crown lands. As a general proposition the exportation of raw produce, which can be manufactured at home is mistaken policy, because an article in its finished form means the employment of more labor and consequently the paying out of more money than are involved in the export of the raw material, perhaps even two or three times as much in many cases.

The Globe next speaks of the nickel industry. Nickel matte is admitted duty free into the United States, and consequently it does not pay to erect refineries in Canada. Yet we almost control the nickel supply of the world. There are mines in New Caledonia, but they are not serious competitors. The way to secure the erection of a Canadian refinery is to place a prohibitive export duty on nickel matte, and the Globe says "the government has the power to impose it and should use it fearlessly."

The article closes with a reference to the lead industry in this province and some general observations which we quote:

The condition of silver-lead mining in British Columbia should also be inquired into. The same tariff game is worked there with respect to the lead, so that of the growing production in British Columbia the American smelting companies get an undue proportion. The duty amounts to about \$35 a ton on the lead. In 1897 British Columbia miners paid \$800,000 for the privilege of having their ores admitted to the United States for treatment, and the amount would probably be \$800,000 or \$900,000 in 1898. Of this large sum but little goes into the revenues of the United States, for when the smelter exports the lead to Canada or Great Britain the duty of one and a half cents a pound is remitted and goes into his pocket. All that the miner receives is about \$20 a ton for the lead contained in the ore, while if he buys it back from the smelter it costs him from \$60 to \$80 a ton. In a recent interview Mr. D. D. Mann said:—"The silver-lead mining industry of Canada, if properly fostered, will give more employment, pay bigger wages and enrich more people than the lumber, fishing and sealing industries of the Dominion combined." This may be somewhat exaggerated, but it at least shows the opinion of a shrewd observer who knows whereof he speaks. It is well worthy of careful inquiry, with the view of seeing if this waste is at all necessary, and whether it could not be corrected by a strong policy. Retaliation would be a foolish policy. All that is aimed at is to do whatever seems to be to our advantage, and when the prospective advantages exceed any temporary disadvantages we should not hesitate to plan for the future. The people, we believe, will support the various governments in pursuing a wise, bold and self-sufficient Canadian policy, while steadily pursuing the idea of gaining a constantly increasing market for our commodities in the motherland and affording a reciprocal market for British goods here.

This is certainly a notable argument to find in the columns of the Globe, and while it would not be in human nature to refrain from congratulating it upon its conversion to Conservative principles, we must express the hope that the views advanced by it will be carried into effect at the earliest possible day.

### THAT TRANSPORTATION ADVERTISEMENT.

The publicity given to the absurd advertisements for the transportation of supplies to the Yukon, by the Colonist's article of yesterday, has had the effect of arousing men of all shades of politics in protest against it. Strong protests will be made at Ottawa, and we believe the advertisement will be recalled. A prominent Liberal says that the ridiculous proposal is the result of the influence of Mr. Healey, of the Alaska Commercial Company, with Major Walsh, whose ideas receive more weight with the department of the interior than they ought to. As Mr. Healey's company is practically the only one that would undertake to make a contract for such a service as was specified in the call for tenders, the plan was substantially to give him the job at his own price. This looks like a reasonable explanation, but it is quite too barefaced a proposition to succeed.

A paragraph appearing in the Colonist relative to an altercation alleged to have taken place between Mr. Cowell and Mr. Menzies about wages. Some of Mr. Cowell's friends spoke to the editor of the Colonist about it, and said it was unfair to Mr. Cowell. When asked what they would like done about it, the reply was that the editor might use his own discretion, and his discretion was that it was better in Mr. Cowell's own interest to say nothing at all about it, because the public soon forget such things. We have a letter from Mr. Cowell's solicitors asking a correction of the paragraph, especially that part of it giving the cause of the altercation. As we know and can know nothing of the merits of the case, we gladly comply with the request, and state on the authority of Mr. Cowell's solicitors that such altercation as occurred was not about wages.

The Globe mentions some of the members of the bar who have been passed over in the nomination of Queen's Counsel. We think it will be conceded that one of them, at least, ought to have been included in the list under any circumstances. We refer to Mr. C. E. Pooley, one of the oldest, ablest and most respected members of the profession, and a gentleman who has long been identified with public life in this province. Mr. Pooley has been on more than one occasion offered the premiership. He has filled the position of President of the Council and Speaker of the House. He has been identified with the whole development of the administration of justice in the province. His personal reputation is above reproach. We think every member of the bar, except Mr. Joseph Martin, would have been glad if the distinction of the silk had been conferred upon him. Nothing betrays the narrow character of the Attorney-General more than the omission of Mr. Pooley's name from the list. It also detracts from the value of the compliment to the gentlemen who have received it.

Germany is to have the Caroline islands, according to a Madrid dispatch, which also says that the Marianne and P'elou islands are to be included in the transfer. The first two groups lie between the 140th and 160th meridian of east longitude, and the 10th and 20th parallels of north latitude—that is, they are in the same latitude as the Philippines. The P'elou group lies nearer to the Philippines. If Germany obtains control of all the islands usually included under these names, her position in the Pacific will be greatly strengthened. Guam, or Guahan, is the largest of the Marianne group, and it is understood has been taken possession of by the United States, but with this exception Germany will, in the event above suggested, control every island of value between the Hawaiian group and the Philippines, with a portion of New Guinea as a southern base.

Commenting upon the admirable manner in which New Westminster is recovering from the fire and the evidence of growth and prosperity observable, the Vancouver World says: "But it ought to have the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern railway." We are not inclined to give up hope of seeing this railway constructed before very long, for it is impossible to think that the people of British Columbia will allow the reactionary policy, now in the ascendant, to prevail for any length of time. This is a great and resourceful province and must be developed by a progressive government.

An inspection of the pay roll of the house will, we are told, disclose the interesting fact that neither Mr. Semlin, Mr. Cotton nor Mr. Hume drew mileage. Mr. Martin did. Mr. Martin, realizing that his time is short, does not propose that any opportunity to get hold of money shall pass by unimproved. His mileage and his saving in room rent will make quite a neat little sum.

As soon as it was known that Great Britain would not permit China to be coerced by Russia, the latter nation hastened to assure the government at Peking that no coercion was or had been contemplated.

## CURRENT COMMENT

### LAURIER SUMMED UP.

Of Laurier what can the historian write? He will have to say that Laurier was the accident of an accident, a statesman by courtesy, whose statescraft consisted chiefly of a silver tongue and sunny smile; who could speak eloquently and ambiguously in two languages, and hold his tongue in neither. That a wave of race prejudice coinciding with an era of death, disunion and disaster in the ranks of his opponents placed him in power. That in power as in opposition he succeeded only in consistently failing. That not one great measure of reform or of national advancement stands to his credit or to the credit of his administration. That he clung tenaciously to office a few years by making himself the enemy of the footprints of the men whom he decried and maligned during his whole public life. That a cruel fate made the professional purist of the old Liberal school the head of the greatest aggregation of political impostors that ever disgraced the Windsor uniform. That during his administration the electorate of Canada was debauched and corrupted as it had never been before.—Montreal Star.

### MR. MARTIN'S GIFT.

According to the Victoria Colonist, Mr. Joseph Martin is making a reputation in British Columbia as a champion legislative blunderer. "He uses language having no recognized meaning; he employs expressions that are quite contrary to the intention he desires to convey; he inserts provisions which have effects that he has to admit he never contemplated." Apparently Mr. Martin's chief gift is a faculty for making himself unpleasant, and in that line he certainly excels.—Montreal Gazette.

THE POLITICAL STORMY PETREL. That exceedingly aggressive individual, Mr. Joseph Martin, practically the leader of the British Columbia government, can pride himself on being the best abused man in Canada to-day. Mr. Tarte and Mr. Blair and the smaller fry of the federal cabinet may come in for a fair share of condemnation from their political opponents, and some censure from their political friends; but the redoubtable Joseph is subject to violent denunciation from all quarters. The Conservatives of the West naturally condemn his characteristic methods, and if they insert protestive articles, they do so in their new organ, the Victoria Globe. Mr. Martin has as bitter and virulent assailants within his own political party as without.

Those who have followed Mr. Martin's career can readily believe a good deal that is charged against him, and are not likely to dispute the intimation that he is the proverbial bull in the legislative china shop. Mr. Martin-Joseph-Joe is not only a manly specimen of Canadian statesman, unamenable to the ordinary customs of social life, and without that Parisian politeness which character-

izes a Laurier and a Sifton, now that the letter has had the advantages of a dancing master. He has an unhappy knack of saying and doing things which would shock an old country politician. His legislation is usually crude, ill-digested and carelessly prepared, often meaning what was not intended, and having effects never contemplated by him. But it will be admitted that he has been a pretty successful party boss and political intriguer, and, having attained power in two provinces through his peculiarly blunt aggressiveness, it is not too much to expect that, when the inevitable comes in British Columbia, as it came in Manitoba, he will seek re-entrance to the larger arena of federal politics. Should he succeed, he will not be constrained by mere admiration of Liberal principles from assailing Liberal leaders, whose ingratitude to him has not been forgotten.

Mr. Martin is the stormy petrel of Canadian politics, and should it so happen that Mr. Blake returns to the land which gave him birth, and the house which gave him notoriety, this ill-assorted pair would prove unpleasant thorns in the exposed sides of the men who now rule by means of the new Liberalism.—Montreal Star.

### THE LAURIER PROGRAMME.

Here is a rough guess at the Laurier programme:

The ministers conceded heavily to the United States, and then went to Washington to negotiate.

They committed themselves to further concessions, which they dare not place before the people of Canada in advance of an election.

On the Alaska boundary question they secured an adjournment, promising to return and finish off the job later on.

They have suddenly called parliament, and they propose to push through large money grants and a gerrymander, and to have a general election, aided by the trusts.

Their cry in the general election will be that they were too patriotic to give their country away, and that the senate, which will stop some of the deals, must go.

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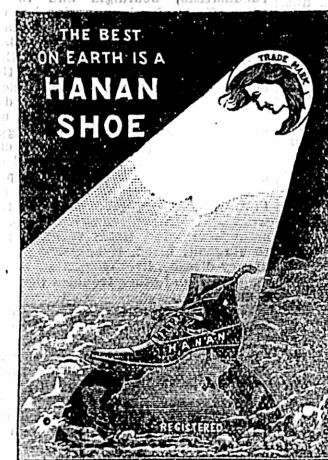
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Bible Society.—The British and For-

eign Bible Society will hold their annual

meeting at the Metropolitan Methodist

church on Thursday next when a report

of the work during the year will be pre-

sented and addresses delivered.

Do not put off the duty that ought to be

done to-day. If your blood is out of order,

take Hood's Sarsaparilla at once.

Lenten Organ Recitals.—At the fourth

of the series of Lenten organ recitals to

be given on Sunday evening at St.

John's church Mr. Longfield will have

the assistance of Mrs. Johnstone, the

Misses Lugin and Mr. J. G. Brown,

vocalists, and Mr. Jesse Longfield, solo

violin and assistant organist.

Don't miss the parade to-day.

Argument Adjourned.—Mr. S. D.

Schultz yesterday renewed his applica-

tion for the release of the defendant in

Lenz &amp; Leiser v. Kirchberg, arrested

some weeks ago. The argument was par-

tially concluded when Mr. Justice Drake

adjourned the hearing until a day to be

set.

Street parade, noon to-day.

Election Trials.—The trial of the peti-

tion against the election of Allan Web-

ster Neill, member for Alberni in the

legislative assembly, has been set for

Saturday, March 25. The petition was

filed by Richard W. Wilkinson and re-

cites the usual charges of bribery, cor-

ruption, etc. There will also in all prob-

ability be a petition filed against the elec-

tion of Mr. J. Fred Hume, minister of

mines and member for Nelson. The trial

of Martin v. Deane is to be heard at

Kamloops on March 20. Mr. Justice

Walker going up to take it.

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## AN ACTIVE SHIPYARD

River Steamers Making Ready to  
Go North in the  
Spring.Schooners Leave West Coast Points  
for the Southern Sealing  
Grounds.

Few sealing schooners are now in West Coast ports, all save probably half a dozen having left for the sealing grounds off the California coast. The Queen City, which returned from the Coast yesterday morning, reports but four, having, however, only made a short trip. Of these the Umbria was met leaving Uclulet, where she had called for a man to complete her crew; the Viva and Otto expected to leave Clayquot to-day or tomorrow, and the Minnie left San Juan last Wednesday. Up to her time of her sailing, the bodies of the two members of her crew, whose boat was found upside down at the mouth of the Jordan river, had not been recovered, and it is possible that they were carried out to sea.

A BUSY SHIPYARD.  
Manager Turpel of the Victoria marine railroad has been very busy this week. From the ways this morning the Vancouver steamer Comox will be given the water, after being three days on the cradle. She will be followed on the ways by the cannery steamer Florence, and afterwards by York's steam barge, the stevedore. Work too, is being done on the river craft which have been on the stocks since northern frost water navigation closed last year. There are in the fleet here quartered the Casca, Nahleen, Sybel and Louise. The Casca is undergoing quite extensive repairs, preparatory for the new year's work, to commence in May. She will run, as she did last year, on the Stikine, but it is expected the Nahleen and Sybel will be taken on the Yukon. Capt. Gray and Contractor W. J. Stephens were over at the yard yesterday making a survey of the Nahleen, with a view to getting her ready for service, and with the two works—that on the Casca and that on the Nahleen—going on simultaneously, together with the improvements being made in the yard and the stray vessels that will be repaired, the yard gives promise of being very busy for weeks to come. The Casca's repairs include a new stem, considerable plank, new knuckles and extra frames.

AN OLD FAVORITE RETURNS.  
According to the San Francisco Call the "dyer" of the Pacific Coast fleet of a year ago, the steamship City of Puebla, is to be returned to the northern service. She was impressed into the transport service by the United States government and only returned to San Francisco last Saturday. "The Alaska excursion season is now about to open and the steamship company must get the Queen ready for that trade," says the Call. "Ever since the Puebla went into the transport service the Queen has filled her place on the Puget Sound run, and had not the Pacific Coast people got the Puebla back, it would have been in a quandary. After a hard fight Captain Goodall secured his vessel and now all hands are satisfied."

OVERDUE ARRIVAL.  
Those who are apprehensive about the ship Dominion, which left Honolulu for the Royal Roads about mid-January, will read with interest the experience of the British bark Woolahara, which arrived at Eureka last week. She was 45 days out from Honolulu in ballast, and the insurance men were getting to wonder what had become of her. After leaving Honolulu the bark made splendid time, and in ten days was 400 miles off Eureka. Then unusually heavy weather was run into and the Woolahara was driven back. She made the coast again in a fog, and for a month was off the Eureka bar.

MARINE NOTES.  
Tug Hongkong arrived from the Mainland yesterday with a seaw load of lumber.  
Steamer Callage City is due from the North on Sunday.  
Steamer Umattila sailed last evening for San Francisco. Her saloon passenger list from here contained the following names: A. Ruthfield, John Schmidt, G. Johnston, W. C. Clarke, E. D. Severs, M. King, G. M. King, J. Weiler, Mrs. W. Shaw.

The Oceanic steamship Alameda leaves San Francisco for Honolulu, Auckland and Sydney, N. S. W., on the 22nd instant.  
The American ship Edward O'Brien is reported ashore on a reef near Honolulu, and likely to prove a total loss. She arrived off that port with 3,500 tons of Departure Bay coal on February 27.

There is no article in the line of medicine that gives so great a return for the money as a good porous strengthening plaster, such as Carter's Smart Weed and Bella-donna Backache Plasters.

CABINET READJUSTMENT.  
Mr. Cotton Assumes an Additional Important Department, Thus Relieving the Premier and Mr. Hume.

A general re-arrangement of the provincial cabinet has been accomplished in consequence of the desire expressed by Mr. Semlin to be relieved of the duties of chief commissioner, and of the previously expressed intention of the government to make the department of mining independent of all other portfolio charges.

An extra of the Gazette issued last night contains an outline of the changes decided upon, and which were productive of considerable stir in the government offices yesterday.

Hon. Mr. Semlin, greatly to the disappointment of a number of expectant members of the party, becomes provincial secretary, combining with this office, according to report, that of minister of education; while Hon. F. Carter-Cotton assumes the heavy burden of the administration of the lands and works department in conjunction with that of finance. Hon. J. Fred Hume, relieved of the provincial secretary's duties, continues as minister of mines, and Hon. Joseph Martin's department, that of the attorney-general, is not affected by the changes.

The official announcement in the extra of the British Columbia Gazette, issued last evening, is as follows:  
"His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments for the province of British Columbia:

"9th March, 1899.  
"The Honorable Charles A. Semlin to be provincial secretary.  
"The Honorable Francis L. Carter-Cotton, minister of finance and agriculture, to be chief commissioner of lands and works."

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Dominion Queen's Counsels Appear Before the Full Court in Silken Gowns.

The gentlemen "learned in the law," who received their appointments as Queen's Counsel from the Governor-General-in-Council do not propose to submit to the act passed at the recent session of the legislature providing that none but those appointed Queen's Counsel by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council shall wear the silk gown in the courts of the province. At least they intend to give Attorney-General Martin an opportunity of finding out whether the legislature can prevent Queen's Counsel appointed by the Dominion from appearing in court in silk gowns. Mr. Fred Peters, who received his appointment as Queen's Counsel from the Dominion government appeared before the Full court yesterday wearing "the silk." Mr. S. Y. Taylor, of Nelson, who also received his appointment from Ottawa, has appeared during the week similarly gowned; so has Mr. Charles Wilson of Vancouver, and it is said that all the other Dominion Q. C.'s will do the same. It will be now in order for the Attorney-General to have the gentlemen who have "offended" brought before the court for contempt. Then no doubt will follow a most interesting argument, which may even find its way to the Privy Council of the Empire.

Catholic Apostolic church, end of Fernwood road, near Odd Fellows' hall. Service Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. The subject of the sermon is the "Second Coming of the Lord and the Resurrection." This subject should be of great interest to Christians of all denominations, many of whom are learning to look for and expect the immediate appearing of Our Lord and the end of this dispensation. Mr. Izard, an evangelist serving under the Lord's restored apostles, will be the preacher. All are cordially invited; seats are free and there is no collection.

A Pioneer of '58.—At Swan Lake yesterday the death occurred of William Hick, a pioneer of 1858. The deceased came here from California during the Fraser river gold excitement and proceeded to British Columbia's first gold fields on the Fraser. He also mined in Cariboo, but like many others who joined in the early rushes, he soon returned to Victoria to make his home. Here he carried on business as a contractor for many years, one of his larger undertakings being the opening up of Yates street. Latterly he had been living in retirement on his ranch at Swan Lake. Mr. Hick was a native of Cornwall, England, and 74 years of age. A widow, one son and two daughters survive him. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2 from the residence, Swan Lake, and later from St. Luke's church, Cedar Hill, the interment being in St. Luke's church yard.

Lost—A large cherry wood handled umbrella with a silver plate bearing the inscription, "F. H. B. J. Boodle's." Finder will be rewarded by returning to Union Club.

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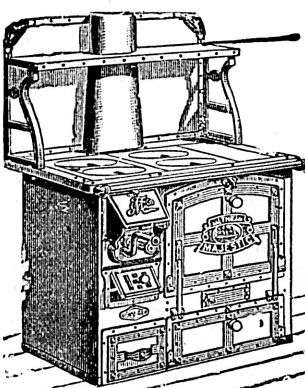
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## BENCH SHOW PROPOSED

Meeting of Interest to Dog Fan-  
ciars to Be Held at Pioneer  
Hall on Tuesday.

Swifts Defeated No. 1 Company in  
Last Evening's Basket Ball—  
Fixtures for To-day.

A meeting of considerable interest to sportsmen and all dog fanciers is to be held in Pioneer hall on Tuesday evening. Although called by the Victoria Kennel Club, all taking an interest in dogs are invited to attend. The first question that will come up will be as to whether the Victoria club should join the Pacific Coast Kennel League, the officers of which the secretary of the local club has been in communication with. Before this has been decided upon, owners of dogs which have won prizes at shows held under the auspices of the Canadian Kennel Club, will want to know if prizes won at Canadian shows will be recognized by the Pacific Coast League. The secretary has telegraphed for the information, and an answer is expected by Tuesday evening. Another subject is in respect to holding a bench show in Victoria during the spring, on dates immediately following the shows to be held in Tacoma and Seattle. Were this done, there is no doubt that the greatest aggregation of blooded dogs that has ever visited the Northwest would be brought together in this city. For a city of her size, Victoria has a great many finely bred dogs; interest is now being taken by dog fanciers on the Mainland, and all the prize-winners from the California, Oregon and Washington shows would be brought here to compete for the pick of the British Columbia kennels. At the meeting on Tuesday evening, officers for the ensuing year will also be elected.

## BASKET BALL.

Exhibition Game To-night.

At the Drill hall this evening an exhibition game is promised between the Wasps and the Victoria West team—two forces that are very evenly matched and should give an interesting game of the popular pastime. The Wasps enjoyed a final practice last evening, when their team was decided upon as follows: Kennedy, Lawrence, Noot, Welsh, McConnell, White and Bechtel. It is expected that Mr. Galbraith will act as referee.

## Swifts Will.

No. 1 Company met defeat last night at the hands of the Swifts, the score being 9 to 2. The game was of a very loose description, owing to No. 1 Company's team being decidedly out of practice. Norman for the Swifts improved all or nearly all of the free throws obtained by that team, while none of those obtained by No. 1 Company were improved. The shooting on the whole, however, was poor. The game, although somewhat rained, was free from all disputes, being in fact probably the quietest game played this season. Mr. D. O'Sullivan as referee gave his decisions with his usual promptness and impartiality. The next game will come off on Tuesday evening at the Drill hall, when the opposing teams being Nos. 1 and 3 companies.

## HOCKEY.

Practice This Afternoon.

This afternoon at Oak Bay park there will be a practice match between teams chosen by the captain and vice-captain. This game will be played, wet or fine, as it is most imperative to get into shape for the match with Vancouver next Saturday; in fact the team for this event largely depends on the form exhibited in this afternoon's play. The game to-day will commence at 2:45 sharp, and any other members than those mentioned who desire to play are requested to be on hand. There will also be a men's practice on the regular day. Appended are the sides as chosen for to-day's game: Captain's team—Goal, H. Wilmut; full backs, R. T. Swinton and J. B. Green; half-backs, H. Gillespie, J. A. McTavish and A. Robertson; forwards, F. C. Cummins, F. A. Fletcher (captain), D. M. Rogers, T. P. Patton, L. York and E. Schofield.

Vice-captain's team—Goal, S. Smith; full backs, G. Wilson and A. Maclean; half-backs, J. H. Austin, A. Gillespie and J. R. Rome; forwards, P. T. Cornwall, F. C. Gamble, K. Schofield, A. J. Dalin, W. York and G. C. Johnston.

## THE HUNT.

To-day's Meet.

The Victoria Hunt Club will meet at the Barracks at 2:30 this afternoon for a cross-country run.

## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Civilians vs. Navy.

The Victoria Association football team will meet a team from H. M. S. Imperieuse at Beacon Hill this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The civilian team will be as follows:

Goal, W. H. Kinsman; backs, J. Hart, W. York; half-backs, J. Stirling, W. Lorimer, W. McKeown; forwards, G. Sullivan, H. G. Lawson, F. Jones, W. N. Winsby, L. York.

## Junior League.

The South Parks and Columbia play the last match in the junior league series at the Hill at 1:45, the teams being:

South Parks—Goal, Simpson; backs, Grand, Wilson; half-backs, Wolfenden, McConnell, Solly; forwards, Sabiston, Laing, Jameson, Pinlaon, George.

Columbia—Goal, McKilligan; backs, Henderson, Blackburn; half-backs, Wall, McAlpin, Gordon; forwards, Smith, Pooler, O'Brien, Cameron and Kruger. Referee—J. Lawson.

## GOLF.

American Course Coming.

Preparations for the approaching spring tournament of the Victoria Golf Club advance apace, and it is now anticipated that not only will the play be better—but the greens were never in so good order—but that Tacoma, Seattle, Portland, Walla Walla and Spokane will all be represented by their strongest players.

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## THE CITY

A District Funeral.—From the residence of Mr. Wright, North Saanich, yesterday afternoon, the funeral of the late Alexander McPhie took place. The remains were given burial in the burying ground, North Saanich.

Funeral To-day.—The funeral of the late Alfred Dickson will take place this afternoon from the family residence, Cadboro Bay road. Services will be conducted at the residence by Rev. W. D. Barber.

Dance at Barracks.—The racquet court at Work Barracks was very prettily decorated last night, when the Garrison quadrille club gave a social dance to the members' friends. There were a large number present. The Schell-Lombard orchestra furnished the music.

The Cause Was Dismissed.—The police were unable to prove their charge against Proprietor William Christie of the Market Exchange saloon, of selling liquor during prohibited hours, and the case was accordingly dismissed yesterday by Magistrate Hall. Mr. Geo. B. Powell appeared for the defence.

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Family Again Reduced.—Among those who suffered the greatest loss by the Point Ellice bridge disaster were Nellie Priestly and her little brother, who in that terrible accident lost their mother, sister and step-father. Shortly after the accident the children were sent to friends in Bradford, England, and yesterday news was received from there of Nellie's death. She was 13 years of age.

Gordon Memorial Fund.—Although the members of the provincial legislature, when the matter of the Gordon memorial was before them, were unanimous in expressing the opinion that British Columbia would subscribe with unexampled liberality to the fund, it is to be noted that practically no subscriptions are coming in at the banks and other offices where lists have been opened. The total collections in this, the capital city of British Columbia, are considerably less than \$100, and no one is adding to the list.

Short Lived Liberty.—When Ah Sue was sentenced to a day in the stocks, Constable Redger had disturbed him in a little chicken stealing, he might naturally have been expected to heed the warning and give the police no more chances to deprive him of his liberty. He didn't, however, and yesterday found him once again in the prisoners' dock—this time charged with selling liquor to an Indian. As before, Ah Sue brought a friend to corroborate his general denial, but the magistrate declined to accept his testimony and convicted the wily Ah Sue to four months' imprisonment—a double dose if calculated upon the customary scale.

## TORONTO FIREMEN TESTIFY.

M. McCarter, Lombard Street Fire Hall, Toronto, dated March 4th, 1897, states: "Am subject to very painful conditions of catarrhes and other troubles resulting therefrom, but I am glad to say that I have found a perfect remedy in Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. I trust this may be of benefit to others."

## WRETHED MAIL SERVICE.

To the Editor: Sir: Why have we to look to private hands in carrying on correspondence from here to outside places largely populated? Hundreds of families have relatives at Dawson, yet no letters seem to reach them. Quantities of mail matter gets here, although much of that friends bring out, but the unfortunate back there never seem to get any. What becomes of them? are they stacked up somewhere? Again, take the West Coast of this Island. Sammers at present are understood to make three or four trips a week. Yet this afternoon the Queen City arrived from Clayoquot with no mails on board, although there are considerable population centres around there. A letter arrived which stated that it was sent by the grace of one on board. Why not the usual mail, or some arrangement rendering it unnecessary to supplicate any one, that a letter might be taken in a steamer coming direct for this city. J. B. M.

## THE TOLL ROADS.

Not content with cutting down the grant to roads, the government has a scheme on hand to further worry the people in certain parts of the province by putting up toll bars and making the people pay for a lot of toll bar keepers. Heavy penalties are provided for the carrying out of the act, and when some unfortunate without money finds himself practically shut in by bars in a land where hitherto people have considered themselves free, he will lift up his voice and bless the wise administration that prevents him straying too far from home.—Kasle Prospector.

An interesting visitor in London just now is Pere Diani, the French Dominican monk, now nearly 60 years of age, who, when only half his present age, became famous. In 1879 a sermon he preached on divorce caused him to be summoned to Rome, whence he was sent into seclusion at Corsica. Subsequently he went to Germany to study, and finally was allowed to return to France. It is understood that he is on an educational mission in England.

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## B. C. AT THE BIG FAIR

Conservation of Space the Great  
Essential in the Arrange-  
ment of Exhibits.

Why B. C. Should Command Half of  
the Dominion's Section of  
Mines and Mining.

Among the passengers for the East from Vancouver yesterday was Mr. S. D. Scott, one of the commissioners having in hand the preparation of a representative exhibit from Canada at the World's Exposition in Paris during 1900. Mr. Scott has been in Victoria for a week or more in conference with the government as to British Columbia's representation and all that can be has been done to ensure that it will be worthy of the splendid resources and bright future of this western province.

The first and chief obstacle to the proper representation of British Columbia, at this great fair is the inadequacy of the space available. The government of the province is asked to prepare a collection of exhibits, purely provincial in character, and which shall appropriately represent the mining, fishing, timber and agricultural interests, as well as the educational system of British Columbia.

Yet to do this the province may only have its fair proportion of space in the 32,000 square feet allotted to Canada as a whole.

The projectors of the Paris exposition have adopted a decidedly reverse principle to that of the Chicago fair promoters in their selection of grounds. The new century exposition will be held in what is known as the Trocadero gardens, in the very heart of the French capital, and hence it is that conservation of space is a first necessity, the collection being put forward that the exhibit will be able to see and enjoy everything, as they were not able to do at Chicago, lost in the maze of quantity.

A total space of 350,000 square feet is all that is allowed by the exposition authorities to Great Britain and all her colonies, and of this the home government has allotted to Canada about one-eighth, or 35,000 square feet—24,000 feet being in what is known as the colonial building, and the remaining 11,000 feet in the various Imperial buildings. The Canadian commissioners argue from the very restricted space at their command that it will be out of the question to think of sub-dividing the Canadian section for the component provinces, and all their contributions will therefore be treated simply as parts of a Dominion exhibit. It will, however, be so arranged that the exhibitors, for example, will be in one section—minerals in another, forest products in a third, etc.

Great care will be taken by those in charge, so that only the very best specimens of each resource or industry shall be exhibited, and the quality of the whole will therefore be preserved at the highest standard. They will be judged in comparison with similar things produced in other countries, and will be exposed to severest criticism. It will therefore be the aim of the British commissioners to select the best specimens of all parts of the Empire, and submit the best only, the present not being a competition of one part of the Empire against other parts, but of the whole Empire against the rest of the world. On the same principle manufacturers and producers in every line are urged to unite as much as possible in the preparation of exhibits, to avoid duplication and to present the best and the best only. Such a plan, although it calls for considerable self-sacrifice on the part of individuals, is anticipated will assure a degree of completeness not otherwise to be attained and which will go far to promote the common interests of the Empire as a whole.

The Canadian commissioners in making a rough sub-division of the space at their command, have estimated that the following may be the best possible arrangement in all its branches, 7,000 feet or thereabouts; food products, 4,500 square feet; mines, minerals and quarries, 3,000 square feet; forestry, 2,000 square feet; and education and instruction, 1,000 square feet. These are the spaces which British Columbians are most directly interested in, and they are urged by the commissioners to do all in their power toward furthering the efforts of the government to secure a creditable exhibit—always keeping in mind that on account of the very limited space the exhibit in each branch should be shown as a collective one from the province as a whole.

The 3,000 square feet to be devoted to mines, mining and quarries, will be allotted in the Colonial building; the 6,000 square feet for agriculture and its products will be in the same department; the 2,000 square feet for forestry will have also to provide for hunting and fishing exhibits; and the 4,500 square feet for food products will cover not only farm products, but all preserved meats, canned fish, etc.

Touching upon the allotted space for the mining section, the provincial minister, Hon. Mr. Hume, has communicated to Commissioner Scott a strong argument in support of his request that this great part of this be placed at the disposal of British Columbia. He points out that the space here, as in other departments, is entirely inadequate to a thorough and representative exhibit of Canadian resources and industries, regretting that the efforts of the Dominion government were not more successful in securing an enlargement of space, but at the same time admitting that in the restricted allotment to the whole Empire one-eighth for Canada cannot be denounced as an unfair proportion.

Looking at the matter as it stands, however, and taking up British Columbia's chief industry—mines and mining—Hon. Mr. Hume directs attention to the fact that the total space for the whole Dominion is put down at 3,000 square feet, while British Columbia alone had at the Chicago World's Fair 12,000 square feet devoted to this industry. Can the Dominion exhibit as a whole be got into 3,000 square feet, he asks; if this is a fact to be accepted as disposed of, he fully appreciates why the commissioner rules that the mines and mining of the Dominion must be grouped as one exhibit.

It is at the same time extremely desirable that again sub-divided and spaces allotted to each province in proportion to its output, British Columbia on this fair basis of calculation being entitled to at least one-third, if not half, the whole Dominion space. The latest Dominion statistics, it is pointed out in this connection, show that in 1897 the mines of British Columbia produced the following proportion of the total Dominion output: Copper, 40 per cent.; gold, 44 per cent.; lead, 30 per cent.; silver, 38 per cent.;

platinum, 100 per cent.; coal, 36 per cent.; coke, 50 per cent.

Last year British Columbia's production of metals was upwards of 50 per cent. of the total output for the whole Dominion, and taking these figures into consideration, together with the fact that the Eastern mines have already reached mature growth, while the industry in British Columbia is as yet in its infancy, Hon. Mr. Hume maintains that 50 per cent. of the Dominion mining section space is only a fair proportion for the Pacific province.

As for the forestry section, British Columbia's chief resource being in raw material for structural or ship building, Hon. Mr. Hume suggests that the construction and fitting of the forestry room be given to British Columbia, which would not in that event allow injustice to be done the important subject.

Mr. S. F. Morley, who returned to Victoria from London last evening, says that the French are very hopeful of making a complete and signal success of their great show, and for this reason more than any other desire to steer clear of all international complications. The preparations are nevertheless very far behind, and it is generally conceded that the first year of the new century will have closed ere the fair can become a great reality.

## CLEVER LITTLE STORIES.

The great composer, Handel, was an enormous eater. It is said that at a tavern he always ordered dinner for three. "Dinner is quite ready, sir, when the company come," said a waiter to him one day. "Den pring up de dinner," said the Anglicized German, "I am de company!"—Chicago Journal.

The examiner wished to get the children to express moral reprobation of lazy people, and he led up to it by asking them who were the persons that got all they could and did nothing in return. For some time there was silence, but at last a little girl, who had obviously reasoned out the answer inductively from her own home experiences, exclaimed, with a good deal of confidence: "Please, sir, I know—it's the baby."

A clergyman tells a good story in which he had a hand. It is his rule, he says, to use the plainest words possible in his sermons—a habit which might, by way of contrast, strike some congregations very forcibly. Once, after preaching in a strange church, he received a heartfelt eulogium, for the next day a sweep who had been in church was asked what he thought of the visiting clergyman. "I like him," he replied; "he don't use no grammatical words."

Nothing galls the natural pride of the true-blue Scotchman more than to have Scotland overlooked. A striking instance of this feeling is said to have occurred at the battle of Trafalgar. Two Scotchmen, messmates and bosom cronies, happened to be stationed near each other when the celebrated signal was given from Admiral Nelson's ship: "England expects every man to do his duty." "Not a word about poor Scotland," dolefully remarked Donald. His friend cocked his eye, and, turning to his companion, said: "Man, Donald, Scotland kens weel enough that nee son o' hers needs to be tell'd to do his duty. That's just a hint to the Englishers."

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## COUNTRIES DEVOID OF TREES.

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Around the Mediterranean.

Anyone who has travelled through the comparatively treeless countries around the Mediterranean, such as Spain, Sicily, Greece, Northern Africa, and large portions of Italy, must fervently pray that our own country may be preserved from so dismal a fate, says President Charles W. Elliot. It is not the loss of the forests only that is to be dreaded, but the loss of agricultural regions now fertile and populous, which may be desolated by the floods that rush down from the bare hills and mountains bringing with them vast quantities of sand and gravel to be spread over the lowlands.

Travelling a few years ago through Tunisia I came suddenly upon a fine Roman bridge of stone over a wide, bare, dry river bed. It stood some 30 feet above the bed of the river and had once served the needs of a prosperous population. Marvelling at the height of the bridge above the ground I asked the French station master if the river ever rose to the arches which carried the roadway of the bridge. His answer testified to the flooding capacity of the river and to the strength of the bridge. He said, "I have been here four years, and three times I have seen the river running over the parapets of that bridge. That country was once one of the richest granaries of the Roman empire. It now yields a scanty support for a sparse and semi-barbarous population." The whole region round about is treeless. The care of the national forests is a provision for future generations, for the permanence over vast areas of our country and mining upon which the prosperity of the country ultimately depends. A good forest administration would soon support itself.—Atlantic Monthly.

## LITERARY NOTES.

Mrs. Beatrice Harraden's new novel is to be called "The Fowler," the name being suggested, it is said, by a verse in the Psalms, "Our soul has escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowler."

The term "edition" is an elastic one, when it refers to the number of new books issued at a single time. It is a trick of the trade to advertise a book as being in its "third edition," when it may mean that only a few hundred copies have been sold. An "edition" has been known to vary from 200 to 10,000 copies.

Liverpool has been paying tardy posthumous honor to one of its citizens, Pelicia Hemans, the poet, who was born in Duke street, Liverpool, in 1794; a tablet has been placed on her house, and a small fund subscribed will allow of the award of a periodical prize for the best verses sent in to the local university college for competition.

Hall Caine sent a letter to an English publisher a few weeks ago, denying that he has ever written or contemplated writing a book called "The Drunkard," of which much has been said in literary circles lately. As an explanation for the fact that he has let the matter go so far without denying the rumor, Mr. Caine sarcastically referred to several instances in the past where false stories of him had been circulated, in spite of his efforts to rectify them.

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## THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,  
Victoria, March 10, 8 p.m.  
SYNOPSIS.

The high pressure area over the American coast is giving way in advance of an extensive storm now approaching Vancouver Island. High winds, with rain, are setting in along the coast; Port Canby reports an hourly wind velocity of 44 miles. East of the Rockies the weather remains fair and moderately cold.

## TEMPERATURES.

	Mm.	Max.
Victoria	34	44
Kamloops	32	42
Barkerville	32	42
Calgary	32	42
Winnipeg	32	42
Portland, Ore.	34	40
San Francisco, Cal.	44	54

## FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time) Saturday:  
Victoria and vicinity—Strong winds or moderate easterly and southwesterly and showery.  
Lower Mainland—Fresh to high easterly to southerly winds; continued rain.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.  
Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

## FRIDAY, March 10.

	Deg.	Deg.
5 a.m.	35	Mean
Noon	43	Highest
5 p.m.	43	Lowest

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:  
5 a.m. Calm.  
Noon 8 miles east.  
5 p.m. 12 miles southeast.  
Average state of weather—Cloudy.  
Barometer at noon—Observed—30.102  
Corrected—30.050

D. BAYNES REED,  
Provincial Forecast Official.

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## A MATTER OF BUSINESS.

Mr. Ward Cite Facts and Figures in Behalf of Optional Pilotage.

Where British Columbia's Shipping Is Put at a Great Disadvantage.

The conclusions arrived at by Mr. F. C. Davidge as a result of his investigations into the subject of pilotage are not by means subscribed to by Mr. W. A. Ward, who recently revived the subject in the hope of securing a change of conditions. Mr. Ward is thoroughly convinced that the abolition of compulsory pilotage would operate most beneficially to British Columbia's business interests, and he will again be heard from with some facts and figures pertinent to the question ere it is finally disposed of by the board of trade.

"It would be interesting if Mr. Ward would show us the charges, in comparison, required to be paid by a ship calling at Port Angeles to load lumber at Port Blakeley, for example, and a sister ship calling in at the Royal Roads, on her way to Chemainus," said another representative business man of Victoria yesterday.

Mr. Ward will not forget that a British vessel on the American side is required to pay tonnage tax—not collectable from American shipping coming here for cargoes—which about equalizes the pilotage obligation.

Mr. Ward is quite willing to oblige with the comparative statement suggested, but as to the tonnage tax distinctly and emphatically denies that it plays any conspicuous part in the question, for the reason that the lumber carrying trade of British Columbia is practically monopolized by vessels flying the Stars and Stripes, and an even smaller proportion of British bottoms are employed in the lumber trade of Puget Sound. To demonstrate the truth of this contention he cites the following statistics of the fleet carrying British Columbia lumber forward during the past eight months, as reported in the latest issue of the Commercial News. By way of explanation it may be said that the shipping classed under the head of "other nationalities" includes 13 Chilean craft, 4 German, 4 Norwegian, 2 Italian, 2 Danish, 1 Russian, 1 Peruvian, 1 Dutch, 1 French and 1 Japanese vessel.

	American.	British.	Other Nationalities.	Total.
July	16	21	21	58
August	17	21	21	59
September	17	21	21	59
October	17	21	21	59
November	17	21	21	59
December	17	21	21	59
January	17	21	21	59
February	17	21	21	59
Total	156	24	30	210

From this it will be seen that the American ships enjoy upwards of 75 per cent. of British Columbia's lumber carrying trade, while British bottoms handle only about one-tenth of the business even on this side of the line—and infinitely less on Puget Sound, where their nationality operates against them. It is therefore adjudged unfair by Mr. Ward to put down the tonnage tax of the United States, applying only to the British vessels, as an offset to the pilotage dues on this side of the line, which carriers of every flag are called upon to pay.

As to the comparative charges to be paid on a vessel loading at Port Blakeley or at Moodyville, the following figures are produced. They are actual—not assumed or approximated; the charges really paid by an American vessel taking lumber cargo at Blakeley, and a few months later, at Moodyville:

	Port Blakeley.	Moodyville.
Pilotage, in and out	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
Loading (stevedoring, etc.)	577.50	1,150.00
Wood and water	15.00	30.00
Towage, in and out	60.00	60.00
Sick mariners' dues	27.00	27.00
Total	\$1,010.50	\$1,947.00

It will thus be seen that this vessel of 1,350 tons, carrying 1,150,000 feet of lumber, saved \$336.50 in loading at the American port, while if she had been a British ship, and paid tonnage tax at six cents, this obligation would have amounted to but \$81, still leaving an advantage of \$255.50 in favor of Port Blakeley. Of course, at the present time shippers on this side of the line are allowed 1s. 3d. on the thousand feet of cargo in consequence of the pilotage, which should have totalled in this case \$345. And but for this allowance the ship in question could probably not have been loaded at Moodyville at all.

Nor is it to be anticipated that the prestige now enjoyed by the American vessels in the trade will soon be lost to them, no British vessel offering for lumber while wheat charters are to be obtained, and the American craft having ports cut and being superior in the main for the lumber trade. At present there is but one British vessel taking lumber in British Columbia, and while a number of British ships are now offering for lumber, this fact is attributable to the collapse of the wheat market, which is not likely long to continue.

The foreign lumber trade of the Pacific Northwest may be said to have been monopolized by the American ships since its establishment, and it is not likely that they will be driven out of the field.

Nor is it in the direct saving of pilotage that the Puget Sound shipping firms have the advantage over the British Columbia competitors. The absence of compulsory pilotage naturally takes the proportion of incoming craft to Port Angeles or Port Townsend in preference to the Royal Roads, Esquimalt or Victoria, and through the increased volume of their business the Sound firms are

enabled to outfit ships more economically; while labor, following the preponderance of ships, goes also to the Sound to await engagement. The result is that when ships are ready to sail from British Columbia ports and find their crews insufficient, as is not uncommon, it is necessary to send to Port Townsend or Port Angeles for men, and their fares and incidental expenses make up another item to the disadvantage of provincial interests.

Still another great disadvantage to the British Columbia lumber producers and exporters in their competition with the Americans in the business, is the free admission of American lumber into Canada. Kootenay and the Canadian Northwest prove splendid markets for the American mills—which are thus given a distinct preference over the Canadian mills in the country of the latter—and the Americans are at the same time enabled to send their high grade output East, for car building, flooring, etc., to sell at \$10 to \$25 per thousand while the British Columbia mills have no option but to include their select lumber in the foreign shipments classed at \$9 per thousand.

But returning to the 'original topic, compulsory pilotage is no longer in vogue elsewhere as a general rule—not even on the Columbia river, after the bar is passed. And according to Mr. Ward, it operates prejudicially here to many interests in addition to lumber exporting. The ship Fantasy came to load Puget Sound lumber not long ago, and used Esquimalt as her port to call for orders. She neither required nor used a pilot, yet she was compelled to pay half-pilotage. Hereafter, having learned the lesson, she will probably do as other ships are doing—go to Port Angeles instead of Esquimalt.

The coal carriers under sail no longer make Royal Roads their calling point. They go to Port Angeles, and thence proceed direct to their loading port, be it Union, Nanaimo or Departure Bay. The British and American tugboats work in combination, and being aware that they incur pilotage by coming here, they pass by to Angeles. If a British tug takes an American tug and goes to a British Columbia harbor to load, both the tug and the ship are called upon to pay pilotage. The ship owner will not consent to be the final loser, and so eventually the lumber exporter pays the dual charge.

As to the colliers' concern in the question—take the experience of the steamship Manuensis. She was in Esquimalt, and preparing to make an outward voyage from Puget Sound. The superiority of the Union coal for steaming was pointed out to her master, and he decided to go to Union to fill his bunkers, requiring about some 500 tons. In consequence the ship was forced to pay \$42.75 Victoria and \$80, Nanaimo pilotage, or a total of \$123.75, which added to the \$125 additional in the price of the coals over the Puget Sound article, constituted the considerable item of \$256.

The pilotage dues required of them—although they never use the pilot, carrying their own—keep the Northern Pacific and Nippon Yusen Kaisha liners from visiting British Columbia for coal, or from calling at Victoria on their outward passages. They prevent the majority of the Puget Sound northern fleet making Victoria their first and last port of call. They are regarded in the light of a most unjust tax by the regular lines such as the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, and the Puget Sound and Alaska Company. The making of their payment obliges only when the ship is actually employed would, in Mr. Ward's opinion, go far toward the promotion of business on this side of the line, and result in the circulation of considerable money in Victoria that under present conditions finds its way instead to the cities of the Sound.

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## JAPS MUST PREVAIL.

Semi-Official Statement That British Columbia Legislation Will Be Disallowed.

Ottawa Correspondence Toronto Globe.

Two applications for the disallowance of provincial legislation are now before the government, and the exercise of which will attend the exercise of the veto are present in these cases. Disallowance is a power to be exercised only as an extreme remedy, after all efforts to secure the desired end have failed. It is the view of the Liberal party that the autonomy of the provinces should not be circumscribed by narrow and technical interpretations, but that it should be viewed in the broadest and most generous spirit consistent with the welfare of the Dominion as a whole. The right of a province to prescribe conditions upon which its property shall be dealt with cannot be questioned. Recent examples of the exercise of the right are the insertion of the manufacturing clause in timber licenses issued by the Ontario government, and the passage of a law by the British Columbia legislature restricting placer mining claims to British subjects.

There is another class of legislation to which objection is taken on the ground of public policy, which seeks to promote the interests of a province at the expense of the rest of the Dominion. An example of this is the law passed by the legislature of Prince Edward Island, imposing a tax on the travelling salesmen of outside houses so high as in its practical effect to exclude them and to preserve the island for a few local wholesale houses. The economic imprudence of such legislation, considered from the point of view of the principle of free trade, is obvious. It works an injury to the commercial interests of the provinces. The boards of trade of Toronto, Montreal and other places have entered a protest, and strong pressure has been brought to bear upon the government with the view of securing the repeal of the act. The matter is now receiving consideration.

It is not probable that the Dominion government will seek to interfere with British Columbia legislation excluding aliens from taking up mining claims, but some steps will have to be taken to secure a modification of the legislation of that province which seeks to exclude Japanese and which classes them with Chinese as objectionable immigrants. The fact cannot be got over that this exclusive legislation is backed by public sentiment on the coast, where the effect of Asiatic competition in the labor market is severely felt. A number of self-preservation, white men believe that Chinese and Japanese must be kept out of the country. The government of Japan has lodged a protest with the British government against the action of British Columbia, and the Chamberlain has, through the government at Ottawa, asked British Columbia to remove the stigma which has been placed upon the people of Japan. The British Columbia government is not prepared to comply with the wish of the Imperial government, and the result may be a disagreeable international complication if steps are not taken to avert it. Japan threatens retaliation, and as the people of that country are both spirited and self-respecting, the threat may be put into execution, to the injury of British Columbia and Canada, and to the disturbance of peaceful relations between Great Britain and Japan.

With the eastern question pressing for solution, Great Britain cannot afford to sacrifice the friendship of Japan, and the embarrassment caused by such legislation as that of the Pacific coast province is intensified by the peculiar circumstances of the case. The British Columbia government, in the face of the overwhelming sentiment in favor of the law, may feel itself powerless to provide the remedy, and as a remedy must be found, resort may and probably will be had to the power of disallowance. It should be remembered that the Japanese exclusion act was not passed by the present government, but by the Turner government; but both parties in the province have accepted the principle upon which it is based. There must either be disallowance or voluntary repeal of the Prince Edward Island law imposing a license on commercial travellers, and likewise of the British Columbia law excluding Japanese.

## LIFE ASSURANCE.

Canadian Companies Prosperous in 1898—British Companies Show Decreases and American Increases.

The official abstract of life insurance in Canada for the year 1898, just issued, will be interesting reading to policyholders. It shows that Canadians who are policyholders. Taking only the Canadian business of the Canadian companies for review, the results are eminently satisfactory.

The Canada Life, whose concerns have been so public of late, shows total premiums for the year of \$1,309,521; number of policies new and taken up, 1,754; amount of policies new and taken up, \$2,830,896; number of policies in force at date, 32,042; net amount in force, \$67,405,667.

The Sun Life's premium total for the year was \$1,111,144; number of policies new and taken up, \$4,933; amount of policies new and taken up, \$4,585,231; number of policies in force at date, 30,960; net amount in force, \$30,404,962. The Sun Life has 15 branches, a general and a thrift, and these are added together in the figures here given.

The Confederation Life took in premiums for the year \$955,511; number of policies new and taken up, 2,200; amount of policies new and taken up, \$3,106,550; number of policies in force at date, 19,760; net amount in force, \$29,302,306.

The North American, in its general and provident business, shows premiums for the year of \$642,153; number of policies new and taken up, 4,033; amount of policies new and taken up, \$3,901,850; number of policies in force at date, 15,328; net amount in force, \$20,210,383.

The Manufacturers' Canadian business was as follows: Premiums for the year, \$403,121; number of policies new and taken up, 1,852; amount of policies new and taken up, \$2,804,117; number of policies in force at date, 8,007; net amount in force, \$11,780,825.

Temperance and General: Premiums for the year, \$187,318; number of policies new and taken up, 1,442; amount of policies new and taken up, \$1,916,750; number of policies in force at date, 7,026; net amount in force, \$7,903,359.

The American total of insurance shows increases under all heads, but these are very insignificant when compared with Canadian increases. The New York Life leads, with premiums for the year of \$854,398. Mutual Life follows closely with \$836,450. Equitable has \$633,012; Aetna, \$516,200; Travelers', \$148,016; Metropolitan, \$247,790; and Union Mutual, \$142,010. The Metropolitan issued 734 new policies, general, and 45,842 industrial; New York Life's new policies were 1,848; Aetna, 368; Travelers', 186; and Union Mutual, 600. The following American companies have ceased to do business in Canada since 1872: Connecticut Mutual, Germania National Life, Northwestern and Phoenix Mutual. The Provident Savings makes no return.

## BREATHING AT HIGH ALTITUDES.

From Chambers' Journal.

The experience of the doctor in charge of the men now being taken to the electric railway to the summit of the Gorner Grat in Switzerland (height, 10,289 feet above the sea) is that dwellers in the plains can never accustom themselves to physical exertion in great altitudes. According to a recent article in the Revue Scientifique, the workers, many of whom were from the low-lying province of Bologna, worked perfectly well in 1896, when the elevation was below 2,400 feet; but in 1897, when they were getting above that height, the workers began to complain of lassitude, bad headaches, loss of appetite, and other symptoms, which at first led the doctor to think an epidemic of influenza had broken out. None of the affected men could do anything like their usual amount of work; and though a short stay at Zermatt, in the valley below, banished the unpleasant symptoms, they returned as severely as before when the men resumed work on the mountain. The outcome of the observations was that the average man may be counted on to work up to a height of about 2,900 feet; above 3,300 his health and working power are seriously affected, and in the end all the workmen from the plains had to be dismissed, and only Mountain-bred men engaged.

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